

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. (Currently Amended) Footwear for leaving a personalized imprint on wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:

a sole portion having a bottom surface with a densely packed matrix of projections extending therefrom, the density of the packing being such that the projections are immediately adjacent to one another if not touching, and wherein:

each projection has a nominal length of  $\frac{3}{16}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch ~~or greater~~, and a nominal width of  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch ~~or greater~~; and

each projection is removable, enabling a user to remove a subset of the projections corresponding to the personalized imprint.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The footwear of claim 1, wherein the projections are circular in cross-section.

4. (Original) The footwear of claim 1, further including a non-partitioned border surrounding the matrix of projections.

5. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Withdrawn) A method of modifying footwear to produce a personalized footprint on wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:

providing footwear having a sole portion with a bottom surface including a matrix of projections extending therefrom; and

selectively removing a plurality of the projections to produce a mirror image corresponding to the personalized footprint.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein at least the sole portion of the footwear is transparent or semi-transparent, enabling a user to view the projections therethrough as they are being selectively removed.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, further including the step of flexing the sole portion to better expose projections to be removed.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein the projections are such that they may be removed by hand without tools.

11. (Previously Presented) The footwear of claim 1, wherein the projections are triangular in cross-section.

12. (Previously Presented) The footwear of claim 1, wherein the projections are rectangular in cross-section.

13. (Previously Presented) The footwear of claim 1, wherein the projections are square in cross-section.

14. (Previously Presented) The footwear of claim 1, wherein the projections are hexagonal in cross-section.

15. (Previously Presented) Footwear for leaving a personalized imprint on wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:

a sole portion which is at least partially transparent including a bottom surface with a tight matrix of projections extending therefrom,

each projection being removable, enabling a user to look through the sole portion and remove a subset of the projections corresponding to the personalized imprint.

16. (Previously Presented) Footwear for leaving a personalized imprint on wet sand and other surface, comprising:

a sandal or thong including a sole portion having a bottom surface with a densely packed matrix of projections extending therefrom,

each projection being removable, enabling a user to remove a subset of the projections corresponding to the personalized imprint.

17. (New) The footwear of claim 1, wherein the sole portion is at least partially transparent, enabling a user to look through the sole portion when removing a subset of the projections corresponding to the personalized imprint.